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LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2006 was 4.8 percent, according to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended April 15, 2006. This is a decrease of 0.5 percentage points from the March 2006 rate of 5.3 percent and 0.2 percentage points lower than the April 2005 rate of 5.0 percent. The Canada seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for April 2006 was 6.4 percent. This is 0.1 percentage points higher than March 2006 but 0.4 percentage points lower than the April 2005 level of 0.4 percent.

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 487,900 persons employed in Saskatchewan in April 2006, up 4,700 persons from the March 2006 level of 483,200 persons and is also up 2,900 persons from the April 2005 employment level of 485,000 persons.

UNADJUSTED DATA

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for April 2006 was 5.2 percent. This is a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the March 2006 rate of 5.6 percent and 0.3 percentage points lower than the April 2005 level of 5.5 percent. Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.1 percentage points to 6.6 percent from the March 2006 level of 6.7 percent. In April 2005, Canada's unemployment rate was 7.0 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 4,000 to 506,300 persons in April 2006 from 502,300 persons in March 2006. This is 2,300 more than the April 2005 labour force of 504,000 persons. The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 0.6 percentage points to 67.8 percent in April 2006 from 67.2 percent in March 2006. The April 2005 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 67.3 percent.

There were 480,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan during April 2006, an increase of 5,600 from March 2006 and 3,700 more than the number employed in April 2005. Agricultural employment was 46,300 persons in April 2006, up 700 from the March 2006 level.

There were 26,300 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during April 2006. This is a decrease of 1,700 persons from March 2006 and is 1,400 less than the number unemployed in April 2005.

The attached tables provide additional details on labour force activity for Saskatchewan and Canada during the months of April 2006, March 2006 and April 2005.

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TABLE 1

LABOUR FORCE

	April 2006	March 2006	April 2005
SASKATCHEWAN			
Labour Force	**506,300**	**502,300**	**504,000**
Employed	**480,000**	**474,400**	**476,300**
Full-Time	*388,700*	*377,700*	*384,400*
Part-Time	*91,200*	*96,600*	*91,900*
Unemployed	**26,300**	**28,000**	**27,700**
Unemployment Rate (%)	**5.2**	**5.6**	**5.5**
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	**4.8**	**5.3**	**5.0**
Participation Rate (%)	**67.8**	**67.2**	**67.3**
CANADA			
Labour Force	**17,334,500**	**17,270,200**	**17,089,300**
Employed	**16,195,900**	**16,106,700**	**15,886,300**
Full-Time	*13,141,400*	*12,971,800*	*12,862,100*
Part-Time	*3,054,500*	*3,135,000*	*3,024,200*
Unemployed	**1,138,600**	**1,163,400**	**1,203,000**
Unemployment Rate (%)	**6.6**	**6.7**	**7.0**
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	**6.4**	**6.3**	**6.8**
Participation Rate (%)	**66.4**	**66.2**	**66.5**

TABLE 2

DETAILED SASKATCHEWAN UNADJUSTED SERIES

Labour Force ('000)	Total	Male	Female	15-24	25+	15-19	20-24	25-44	45-64	65+
April 2006	506.3	273.3	233.0	89.9	416.4	38.6	51.4	211.0	188.0	17.4
March 2006	502.3	268.4	233.9	89.7	412.6	37.6	52.1	212.0	183.2	17.4
April 2005	504.0	270.9	233.2	90.9	413.1	37.4	53.5	214.6	180.8	17.7
Employed ('000)										
April 2006	480.0	255.9	224.1	81.2	398.8	33.8	47.4	201.2	180.4	17.2
March 2006	474.4	251.7	222.7	79.2	395.2	31.9	47.2	201.8	176.2	17.2
April 2005	476.3	253.5	222.9	80.2	396.1	32.2	48.0	204.0	174.9	17.1
Unemployed ('000)										
April 2006	26.3	17.4	9.0	8.8	17.6	4.8	4.0	9.8	7.6	0.0
March 2006	28.0	16.8	11.2	10.6	17.4	5.7	4.9	10.2	7.1	0.0
April 2005	27.7	17.4	10.3	10.7	17.0	5.1	5.6	10.6	5.9	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)										
April 2006	5.2	6.4	3.9	9.8	4.2	12.4	7.8	4.6	4.0	0.0
March 2006	5.6	6.3	4.8	11.8	4.2	15.2	9.4	4.8	3.9	0.0
April 2005	5.5	6.4	4.4	11.8	4.1	13.6	10.5	4.9	3.3	3.4
Participation Rate (%)										
April 2006	67.8	74.2	61.6	65.1	68.4	56.6	73.6	88.8	79.3	13.0
March 2006	67.2	72.9	61.8	65.0	67.8	55.1	74.5	89.0	77.3	13.0
April 2005	67.3	73.4	61.5	65.3	67.8	54.0	76.4	88.4	77.8	13.2

Figures set to 0 (zero) if under 500 persons.

TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR MARKET - UNADJUSTED SERIES

2004	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
*Labour Force	494.3	495.4	497.7	501.8	511.5	515.0	516.8	517.7	508.1	507.2	508.2	507.3	506.7
*Employment	463.2	464.8	465.2	472.6	486.8	492.4	489.0	489.3	482.8	485.5	483.9	480.9	479.7
*Full-Time	370.3	370.0	368.7	377.4	397.7	399.5	402.5	405.0	387.3	388.6	385.8	380.7	386.1
*Part-Time	92.9	94.8	96.5	95.1	89.1	92.9	86.5	84.3	95.5	96.8	98.1	100.2	93.6
*Unemployment	31.1	30.6	32.5	29.3	24.7	22.6	27.8	28.4	25.3	21.7	24.3	26.4	27.0
**Unemployment Rate	6.3	6.2	6.5	5.8	4.8	4.4	5.4	5.5	5.0	4.3	4.8	5.2	5.3
**Participation Rate	66.4	66.5	66.8	67.3	68.6	69.0	69.3	69.4	68.1	67.9	68.1	67.9	67.9
2005													
*Labour Force	501.6	503.8	507.5	504.0	517.4	519.7	522.7	522.0	508.4	503.4	503.3	499.1	509.4
*Employment	473.4	476.3	479.6	476.3	495.0	498.0	497.3	492.3	480.2	479.9	479.1	474.5	483.5
*Full-Time	374.1	375.8	379.8	384.4	402.1	405.7	412.7	411.5	386.5	381.2	382.3	380.5	389.7
*Part-Time	99.4	100.5	99.8	91.9	92.9	92.3	84.6	80.8	93.7	98.6	96.8	93.9	93.8
*Unemployment	28.1	27.5	28.0	27.7	22.5	21.6	25.4	29.7	28.2	23.5	24.2	24.6	25.9
**Unemployment Rate	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	4.3	4.2	4.9	5.7	5.5	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.1
**Participation Rate	67.1	67.4	67.8	67.3	69.1	69.4	69.8	69.7	67.9	67.2	67.2	66.7	68.1
2006													
*Labour Force	500.1	500.9	502.3	506.3									
*Employment	470.8	471.9	474.4	480.0									
*Full-Time	374.8	372.0	377.7	388.7									
*Part-Time	96.0	99.9	96.6	91.2									
*Unemployment	29.3	29.0	28.0	26.3									
**Unemployment Rate	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.2									
**Participation Rate	66.9	67.0	67.2	67.8									

* thousands
** percent

TABLE 4

EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY
SASKATCHEWAN 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
(Thousands)

2003	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Agriculture	45.4	43.9	43.6	45.9	51.1	50.7	48.3	48.5	44.8	46.9	45.0	44.9	46.6
Manufacturing	26.8	27.1	27.4	26.0	27.8	27.1	27.6	27.3	26.8	26.9	27.2	27.1	27.1
Construction	21.3	21.7	21.6	21.9	23.0	24.9	25.9	26.0	26.3	24.0	22.5	20.8	23.3
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	25.6	25.8	25.7	26.8	27.1	25.9	27.1	26.8	25.9	25.7	25.6	26.7	26.2
Trade	75.2	73.2	75.2	76.9	77.2	78.6	79.6	80.6	77.5	77.9	78.8	79.6	77.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leas.	27.4	27.7	28.2	28.8	29.7	28.9	29.4	28.6	27.2	27.4	27.2	26.9	28.1
Services	201.0	203.5	203.5	202.0	207.1	209.8	206.1	203.0	204.4	203.2	201.6	201.2	203.9
Public Admin.	24.3	24.8	24.3	24.2	25.7	28.2	27.9	30.1	26.5	26.9	26.6	25.6	26.2
Other Primary Ind.	16.4	16.9	17.4	15.0	15.4	17.2	18.0	17.8	17.5	17.4	17.7	18.4	17.1
Total All Industries	463.3	464.6	466.8	467.5	484.4	491.3	490.0	488.6	476.9	476.3	472.2	471.2	476.1

2004	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Agriculture	44.9	44.2	46.2	46.5	49.3	47.1	48.6	48.0	47.1	47.1	46.6	44.8	46.7
Manufacturing	27.2	26.9	27.4	28.3	28.5	31.1	30.3	30.6	29.1	28.4	28.4	29.0	28.8
Construction	19.2	19.2	19.4	20.5	23.8	25.5	27.8	28.1	26.3	28.2	25.9	24.6	24.0
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	25.9	25.8	25.5	26.8	28.5	29.1	27.9	27.8	29.0	27.9	28.7	28.1	27.6
Trade	75.3	74.6	74.0	75.7	77.6	76.7	78.8	78.7	77.5	77.4	77.9	76.6	76.8
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leas.	25.8	26.6	26.9	27.8	27.2	28.0	26.5	27.5	27.3	25.5	25.9	25.6	26.7
Services	201.2	203.0	202.2	204.4	208.0	209.9	202.4	201.6	201.2	206.0	205.8	207.2	204.4
Public Admin.	25.3	25.2	24.1	24.2	25.3	26.3	26.4	27.7	26.5	26.1	26.5	26.0	25.8
Other Primary Ind.	18.5	19.3	19.4	18.3	18.6	18.8	20.6	19.3	18.8	18.8	18.3	18.9	19.0
Total All Industries	463.2	464.8	465.2	472.6	486.8	492.4	489.0	489.3	482.8	485.5	483.9	480.9	479.7

Figures may not add to total due to rounding.

TABLE 4 (Continued)

EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE BY INDUSTRY
SASKATCHEWAN 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006
(Thousands)

2005	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Agriculture	44.0	43.9	45.1	44.5	49.1	49.2	50.9	49.9	47.7	48.2	44.5	42.1	46.6
Manufacturing	28.1	28.0	28.5	29.8	30.4	32.9	33.0	33.4	29.8	29.8	29.9	29.6	30.3
Construction	21.4	20.9	21.5	22.9	26.9	30.1	30.7	29.2	28.7	28.9	28.9	26.0	26.3
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	28.0	28.7	28.0	27.4	28.9	30.0	29.1	30.7	31.7	28.9	31.1	31.1	29.5
Trade	79.6	80.2	79.6	81.7	82.0	79.6	80.5	79.6	74.4	74.1	74.6	74.2	78.3
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leas.	24.3	25.7	26.3	24.6	25.9	26.6	25.7	27.8	26.3	25.1	24.9	25.6	25.7
Services	203.6	204.0	206.2	203.1	206.8	204.2	199.6	192.0	195.7	199.1	198.0	198.1	200.9
Public Admin.	25.4	25.7	26.8	26.3	27.3	26.7	30.3	29.9	26.8	27.0	27.4	27.1	27.2
Other Primary Ind.	19.0	19.2	17.7	16.0	17.6	18.7	17.6	19.7	19.0	18.8	19.8	20.6	18.6
Total All Industries	473.4	476.3	479.6	476.3	495.0	498.0	497.3	492.3	480.2	479.9	479.1	474.5	483.5

2006	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Agriculture	44.2	44.0	45.6	46.3									
Manufacturing	28.9	30.2	29.7	28.7									
Construction	24.9	25.3	25.7	27.0									
Transp, Warehousing & Other Utilities	28.5	30.6	30.8	31.3									
Trade	72.9	76.1	76.0	80.6									
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leas.	26.6	25.4	25.8	25.5									
Services	196.5	191.9	192.9	196.1									
Public Admin.	27.2	27.0	26.9	25.4									
Other Primary Ind.	21.2	21.3	21.1	19.0									
Total All Industries	470.8	471.9	474.4	480.0									

Figures may not add to total due to rounding.

TABLE 5

PERCENTAGE UNEMPLOYED
CANADA AND PROVINCES 2005, 2006
(UNADJUSTED SERIES)

2005	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Canada	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.0	7.0	6.3	6.9	7.1	6.2	6.1	6.0	6.1	6.8
Nfld. & Lab.	16.5	17.2	16.9	18.8	16.7	12.5	12.1	15.2	13.2	13.9	14.7	15.8	15.2
P.E.I.	14.1	13.0	13.0	15.0	9.5	7.8	9.1	8.7	8.3	9.1	10.6	12.1	10.8
Nova Scotia	9.9	10.7	9.8	9.2	7.8	7.7	7.7	7.0	7.8	7.7	8.1	8.0	8.4
New Brunswick	11.2	10.6	10.6	11.2	9.6	9.0	9.3	9.2	8.5	9.7	8.6	9.1	9.7
Quebec	9.5	9.0	8.9	8.5	8.5	7.4	7.9	8.3	7.6	7.7	7.9	8.3	8.3
Ontario	6.7	7.0	7.3	6.6	7.2	6.6	7.3	7.4	6.1	5.9	5.5	5.6	6.6
Manitoba	5.6	5.4	5.5	5.1	4.7	4.3	4.7	5.4	4.4	4.1	3.8	4.2	4.8
Saskatchewan	5.6	5.5	5.5	5.5	4.3	4.2	4.9	5.7	5.5	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.1
Alberta	4.8	4.2	3.5	4.2	3.6	3.4	3.7	4.2	3.7	3.8	4.0	4.0	3.9
B.C.	7.2	7.6	6.7	6.2	6.0	5.5	6.3	6.3	5.1	4.6	4.5	4.4	5.9

2006	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual Average
Canada	7.2	6.7	6.7	6.6									
Nfld. & Lab.	18.8	16.7	17.4	18.9									
P.E.I.	14.3	14.0	15.4	14.6									
Nova Scotia	9.0	9.5	9.0	8.8									
New Brunswick	9.8	10.6	10.2	10.7									
Quebec	9.6	8.9	9.0	8.7									
Ontario	6.6	6.3	6.5	6.1									
Manitoba	4.8	4.7	4.5	4.9									
Saskatchewan	5.9	5.8	5.6	5.2									
Alberta	4.0	3.2	3.3	3.6									
B.C.	5.8	5.2	4.5	4.6									

TABLE 6

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR CANADIAN CITIES

	April 2006	March 2006	April 2005
St. John's	10.0	8.1	10.0
Halifax	5.7	5.5	5.9
Saint John	5.8	7.1	7.2
Quebec	4.0	6.2	6.3
Montreal	9.3	9.6	8.3
Ottawa	4.0	4.9	6.7
Toronto	6.2	6.4	7.0
Sudbury	7.8	8.0	7.4
Winnipeg	5.4	5.0	4.8
Regina	5.4	5.3	4.6
Saskatoon	4.5	5.6	5.2
Calgary	2.7	2.8	3.3
Edmonton	4.2	4.0	5.1
Vancouver	3.9	4.0	5.8
Victoria	3.5	3.4	4.1

TABLE 7

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER
(3-month moving averages)

Total Population	Labour Force ('000)	Employed ('000)	Unemployed ('000)	Unemployment Rate (%)	Participation Rate (%)	Employment Rate (%)
April 2006	501.9	473.2	28.7	5.7	67.2	63.4
March 2006	500.0	470.6	29.4	5.9	66.9	63.0
April 2005	504.7	476.5	28.2	5.6	67.5	63.7
Non-Aboriginal						
April 2006	464.3	442.2	22.0	4.7	67.4	64.2
March 2006	462.6	440.2	22.4	4.8	67.1	63.9
April 2005	471.0	448.4	22.6	4.8	68.1	64.9
Aboriginal						
April 2006	37.6	31.0	6.6	17.6	64.7	53.3
March 2006	37.4	30.4	7.0	18.8	64.3	52.2
April 2005	33.7	28.1	5.6	16.7	59.3	49.4
North American Indian						
April 2006	14.8	10.7	4.1	27.5	56.0	40.6
March 2006	14.7	10.6	4.2	28.2	55.7	40.0
April 2005	12.7	10.3	2.4	19.3	49.1	39.7
Métis						
April 2006	22.8	20.3	2.6	11.2	71.9	63.8
March 2006	22.6	19.8	2.9	12.6	71.5	62.5
April 2005	20.9	17.8	3.1	15.0	67.8	57.6

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for June are an average of the three months ending in June (April, May and June).
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.